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DEPARTMENT PASS ARA AND AMB. ALDRICH S/AR

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: MILI, EAIR, ECON, ETRD, BF, US  
SUBJECT: GCOB EXTENSION OF ELEUTHERA AIR FIELD

REF NASSAU 1557

1. CAPT KNAUS, OP 51; LT MILLER, COMCBLANT; MR. NOTHNAGEL, GS-13, LANTNAVFACENSCOM; EMBOFF GARNER AND EMBASSY NLO CDR. FARMER MET WITH GCOB EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, TOURISM, WORKS AND CIVIL AVIATION OFFICIALS AUG 16 CONCERNING THE PROPOSED GCOB EXTENSION OF THE USN AIR FIELD, GOVERNOR'S HARBOUR, ELEUTHERA.

2. GCOB OFFICIALS STATED THAT INCREASED USE OF THE AIR FIELD UTILIZING PRESENTLY ACCEPTABLE LIGHT-LOADED BAC-111/737 AIRCRAFT, TO FERRY PASSENGERS FROM/TO NASSAU AIRPORT, IS PLANNED IN DEC 1978. THEY ANTICIPATE APPROXIMATELY FIVE (5) FLIGHTS PER WEEK.

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3. THE GCOB INTENDS TO PURSUE STRENGTH TESTS OF THE EXISTING RUNWAY, USING A ROAD-RALER SYSTEM FROM EXISTING COMPANIES; THE NAMES OF WHICH ARE BEING FURNISHED BY MR. NOTHNAGEL. BLUEPRINT COPIES OF THE PROPOSED NEW TERMINAL BUILDING WERE SHOWN TO THE USG OFFICIALS AND WILL BE PROVIDED AS PART OF THE FINISHED PROPOSAL. THE GCOB REQUESTED TO KNOW IF

IT WERE POSSIBLE FOR NAVFAC ELEUTHERA TO SUPPLY  
POTABLE WATER/POWER (30KW) AND CRASH CREW SERVICES  
ON A COMPENSATION BASIS. THEY WERE INFORMED THAT  
POTABLE WATER WAS BOTTLED WATER BROUGHT TO THE  
EXISTING TERMINAL; THE USG COULD NOT ACT AS A POWER  
SOURCE FOR EXPANSION OF THE FIELD BEYOND OUR NEEDS;  
AND THAT THE EXISTING CRASH CREW CONSISTS OF ONE  
CRASH TRUCK AND PAN-AM CONTRACTED PERSONNEL WHO MAN  
THEIR EQUIPMENT FOR MILITARY AIRCRAFT ONLY, AND  
THEN RETURN TO THEIR REGULAR JOBS.

4. PRESENTLY ONLY CIVILIAN/COMMERCIAL AIRCRAFT  
THAT ARE LICENSED TO LAND AT GOVERNOR'S HARBOUR  
RUNWAY ARE PERMITTED TO DO SO. BAHAMASAIR HAS  
EACH AIRCRAFT SO LICENSED. WE INTEND TO PROCEED  
WITH THE ADDITIONAL FLIGHTS OF THOSE LICENSED AIR-  
CRAFT UNTIL A USG/GCOB AGREEMENT ON THE RUNWAY  
EXTENSION IS CONCLUDED.

5. GCOB OFFICIALS INTEND TO VISIT ELEUTHERA FOR  
PLANNING PURPOSES 18 AUG AND WILL BE MET BY CO  
NAVFAC ELEUTHERA. SUBSEQUENT MEETINGS BETWEEN USG  
(EMBASSY PERSONNEL) AND GCOB OFFICIALS CAN BE  
EXPECTED ON COMPLETION OF STRENGTH TESTS AND CON-  
STRUCTION PLANNING.

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